

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GUNJI et al.

Application No.: **09/926,299**

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For: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING
BACTERIUM AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID

Art Unit: 1656

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to January 16, 2006.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in EFS Web processing or ☐ our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

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